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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 with the following:

The invention relates to a storage device for plate-shaped data carriers according to the preamble of claim 1.

On page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 9 with the following:

To that end, a storage device according to the present invention is characterized by a protective means designed such that specific product information is incorporated therein so that an unequivocal relationship between the storage device and the data earlier is established ~~the features of claim 1.~~

On page 2a, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 9 with the following:

In a first advantageous embodiment, a storage device according to the present invention is characterized by a protective means with a product-specific printing provided during manufacture in the mold and included in or on the storage device ~~the features of claim 2.~~

On page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 11 with the following:

In a further advantageous embodiment, a device according to the present invention is characterized by a protective means having magnetic or electronically readable means which are preferably substantially entirely surrounded by the material of the storage device ~~the features of claim 4.~~

On page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 31 with the following:

In a further alternative embodiment, a storage device according to the present invention is further characterized by a sealing means, for which purpose at least one cover

part is provided with a number of lip-shaped sealing elements, while when the storage device is closed, the sealing element is movable by at least a portion of its surface against the outer side of the other cover part and can be fixedly connected thereto, preferably through at least partial fusion, the arrangement being such that the data carrier disposed in the storage device cannot be removed therefrom without breaking the sealing means ~~the features of claim 6.~~

On page 4, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 9 with the following:

In a further advantageous embodiment, a storage device according to the present invention is further characterized by a sealing means having at least one strip-shaped or band-shaped element which, after closing the storage device, is arranged so as to overlap at least a part of a seam between the first and the second cover part, and which is secured against the two cover parts ~~the features of claim 10.~~

On page 4, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 22 with the following:

In a further advantageous embodiment, a storage device according to present invention is further characterized by a protective means having at least one bar-code ~~the features of claim 13.~~

On page 4, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 30 with the following:

In an alternative embodiment, a storage device according to the present invention is further characterized by a protective means having sealing means provided on or against the fixing means, the arrangement being such that a data carrier placed in the storage device cannot be removed therefrom without breaking the sealing means ~~the features of claim 14.~~

On page 5, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 with the following:

In a preferred embodiment, a storage device according to the present invention is further characterized by manufacture through injection molding from a plastic having a melt

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higher than 20, preferably higher than 30, in particular higher than 40 and even more in particular about 50 the features of claim 16.

On page 5, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 34 with the following:

In a particularly advantageous embodiment, a storage device according to the present invention is further characterized by injection molding in one piece, preferably at least substantially from clear polypropylene or a like plastic suitable for forming integrally injection molded pivots ~~the features of claim 17.~~

On page 6, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 10 with the following:

In a further advantageous embodiment, a storage device according to the invention is characterized by manufacture from clear, transparent plastic and wherein a preferably at least partially transparent printing is provided, said printing being at least partially visible from two opposite sides of a printed part of the device ~~the features of claim 18.~~

On page 6, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 28 with the following:

The invention further relates to a method for manufacturing a storage device according to the present invention, characterized by the steps of placing protective means in a mold and subsequently forming at least a portion of the storage device against or around the protective means in the mold, preferably through injection molding, such that the protective means cannot be removed from the relevant part without damage, and further characterized in that product information of a data carrier to be stored in said storage device is being incorporated in said protective means ~~the features of claim 19.~~

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On page 6, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 31 with the following:

In a first particularly advantageous embodiment, a method according to the present invention is characterized by the carrier being slightly stretched before or during placement in the mold, such that it is pulled taut ~~the features of claim 24.~~

On page 7, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 27 with the following:

In an alternative, particularly advantageous embodiment, a method according to the present invention is characterized by printing on a wall part of the mold or a carrier provided thereon ~~the features of claim 29.~~

On page 8, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 10 with the following:

In a further advantageous embodiment, a method according to the present invention is characterized by protective means having magnetic and/or electronic means which are positioned on a carrier in the mold, whereupon plastic is squirted around the magnetic and/or electronic means, such that the carrier is enclosed or incorporated therein or disappears therein, for instance through burning or sublimation ~~the features of claim 34.~~